



# Idaho Children's Trust Fund 2003 Annual Report

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## Message from the Chair

As I sat down to write this year's message I couldn't help but reflect on the four farewells this year brought. The Children's Trust Fund said good-bye to a group of wonderfully dedicated and amazing women. Joan Way served with me on the board since 1995, Sheila Farmin-Aumick since 1996, and Sally McClure and Carolee Eslinger since 1998. Our children benefited from their years of service, as did I. They will be missed. To date, two of these vacancies have been filled. We welcome James Rehder from Cottonwood, representing Region 2, and Ed Van Dusen from Boise for the Department of Health and Welfare position.

Despite the fact that good-byes and change are often difficult, they pale in comparison to this evening's news. I was horrified to hear that a two-year-old child had died ...at the hands of her 'caregiver'. Tonight she was beaten to death, her limp body carried away in a police officer's arms. My heart breaks as I listen to this tragedy. With all our attempts to prevent child abuse and neglect, news such as this is especially daunting. Time, energy, and resources are focused on prevention programs so that a scenario such as this will not happen...yet it does.

We cannot give up the fight. We must continue working to prevent child abuse. As long as there are innocent children being victimized, your support is needed. The prevention grants we have in place would not be possible without you, and your generous contributions are appreciated.

All children, everywhere, deserve to be raised in safe, healthy, loving environments. With your help, we'll see that Idaho children get what they deserve.

Caryn Crawford  
Board Chair

## Preface

It has been said that there is no greater measure of our society than how we treat our children, for our children will determine the success of our tomorrows. This is why preventing the abuse and neglect of children is so critical to the future of our society, to the future of our nation, and to the future of our state.

A recent study by Prevent Child Abuse America has revealed that child abuse and neglect costs our country billions of dollars each year. The direct (or immediate) costs are conservatively estimated to be over \$24 billion annually, while the indirect costs (which include those associated with special education, mental and physical health care, juvenile delinquency and adult criminality) are estimated to be \$70 billion each year.

Regardless of the economic costs associated with child abuse and neglect, it is impossible to overstate the human costs. Abuse can have a devastating effect on children and their ability to function throughout the rest of their lives.

The goal of child abuse prevention is simple – to stop child abuse and neglect from happening in the first place, sparing children and families emotional and physical trauma. A secondary goal is to decrease the need for costly intervention and treatment services.

The best way to prevent child abuse and neglect is to support families and provide parents with the skills and resources they need to raise healthy children.



## History

The Idaho Children's Trust Fund was established by an act of the state legislature in 1985 to promote child and family well-being in the state of Idaho. The legislature declared that there is a need to assist private and public agencies in identifying and establishing community-based educational and service programs for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The Trust Fund makes grants, and provides training and technical assistance to programs throughout the state that work directly with children and their families. While located within state government, the Children's Trust Fund is a unique public-private partnership, receiving no state general funds.

## Mission

The Idaho Children's Trust Fund supports efforts within the state that are designed to prevent the occurrence of child abuse and neglect.

## Vision

Our vision is that all the children of Idaho are valued and develop in a safe and nurturing environment.

## Governance

An independent board, created by state statute and appointed by the Governor, oversees fundraising, expenditures, and operations. The Trust Fund board includes governor-appointed members from the seven regions of the state, as well as three members appointed by the Idaho Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the Department of Health and Welfare. Board members are citizen volunteers who are appointed because of their expertise in child and family issues. Staff members include an Executive Director and Administrative Assistant. Private citizens from throughout Idaho who sit on the board, or on a panel, steer the Trust Fund's course and raise the funds necessary to make prevention grants for local community programs.



## Idaho Children's Trust Fund 2003 Board Members

### Region 1

Sheila Farmin-Aumick  
*Resigned August 2003*  
Early Head Start Program  
Sagle

### Region 2

Joan C. Way, Board Chair  
*Resigned May 2003*  
Lewis County Prosecutor's Office  
Nezperce

### Region 3

Al Sanchez  
Boise State University  
Nampa

### Region 4

Sally McClure  
*Resigned October 2003*  
Community Volunteer  
Boise

### Region 5

Caryn Crawford  
Community Volunteer  
Ketchum

### Region 6

Lynn Miner  
Bright Tomorrows  
Pocatello

### Region 7

Judy DeRoche  
Big Brothers/Sisters of SE Idaho,  
Idaho Falls

### Attorney General's Office

Bill von Tagen  
Intergovernmental and Fiscal  
Division

### Department of Education

Russell Hammond  
Bureau of Special Education

### Department of Health and Welfare

Carolee Eslinger  
*Resigned September 2003*  
Idaho Infant Toddler Program

## 2003 Idaho Children's Trust Fund Board

Long time board member Joan Way of Craigmont retired from the board in May, 2003 after eight years of service. The past two years Joan served as the Chair of the Trust Fund Board. New job responsibilities and less free time led Joan to make the difficult decision to resign her seat as the Region II representative. Joan's dedication to the children and families of Idaho and her leadership of the Trust Fund will not soon be forgotten.

In July, 2003 Caryn Crawford of Ketchum was appointed by Governor Kempthorne to lead the Trust Fund as the Chair. Caryn has served on the Board since 1995, representing Region V.

### 2003 Grant Review Panels

Panel members are volunteers who review grant applications from their geographic region of the state, and make recommendation for funding to the board. Target Grant Panel members have expertise with Hispanic or Native American families, or families with a parent or child with a disability.

### North Regional Panel

Joan Way, Chair - Craigmont  
Sheila Farmin-Aumick - Sagle  
Agnes L. Weaskus - Lapwai  
Beth Davis - Kamiah  
Brenda Hammond - Sandpoint  
Rhonda Naylor - Coeur d'Alene  
Susan Fifer - Lapwai

### Southwest Regional Panel

Caryn Crawford, Chair - Ketchum  
Sally McClure - Boise  
Kiki Tidwell - Ketchum  
Tracy Warren - Boise  
Dolores Larsen - Weiser

### East Regional Panel

Judy DeRoche, Chair - Idaho Falls  
Lynn Miner - Pocatello  
MarDee Porath - Idaho Falls  
Lee Smith - Idaho Falls  
Carol Stirling - Pocatello  
Cathy Murdock - Idaho Falls

### Target Grant Advisory Panel

Carolee Eslinger, Chair - Boise  
Al Sanchez - Nampa  
Suzie Hanks - Boise  
C. R. Pete Peterson - Lewiston  
Hortencia Lemus - Nampa

### Administration

Nancy Hausner, Executive Director  
Suzanne Shemwell, Administrative Assistant

## 2003 Accomplishments

### Super Hero Award 2003

Lemhi's After School Promise of Salmon nominated this year's Super Hero Award winner, Gerry Christian. Gerry has been volunteering with the program four days every week since 1999, and in that time has made quite an impact on the children in Salmon.

The letter included with Gerry's nomination states, "Gerry inspires children to do their best, play fair, have fun, and keep their word in whatever activity they are involved in. Children know he is trustworthy, interested in them and will give them honest praise and unconditional love." In order to encourage children to get their work done, Gerry offers tic tac candies as an incentive. Sandra, a child enrolled in the After School Program says, "You have to earn the tic tac though; there's no goofing around!"

Some of the children in the program have only Gerry, the Tic Tac Man, as a positive, stable, adult role model in their lives. The boys light up because he gives them the kind of rough and tumble play they crave. They also learn that "real men" clear tables and wash dishes after snack time!

As the 2003 Super Hero Award winner, Gerry received a jacket with "Tic Tac Man" embroidered on it and a beautiful sculpture that bears the quote, "You never stand so tall as when you bend down to help a child." Lemhi's After School Promise received a check for \$5,000 to use for their program. We are very proud to recognize Gerry Christian of Lemhi's After School Promise in Salmon, Idaho as the 2003 Super Hero!



## 2003 Accomplishments Continued...

### Outcome Accountability

The Idaho Children's Trust Fund defines Outcome Accountability as "identifying the positive changes that are expected for participants in programs, measuring the extent to which these changes did or did not occur, reporting this information to funders and other key constituencies, and using the results of the process to improve services." This evaluation component was implemented to ensure that programs funded by the Children's Trust Fund are setting and measuring appropriate outcomes for the families they serve. Some of the outcomes reported by 2002 – 2003 grantee programs include:

- 86% of the fathers in the Family Advocate Program's (Boise) Nurturing Father's Program reported a definite ability to articulate non-punitive discipline in parenting.
- The 45 parents who participated in the Baby & Me Program through the Family Safety Network (Driggs) reported increases in their ability to protect their child from Shaken Baby Syndrome, knowledge of "loving discipline" techniques, and ability to recognize and protect their baby from abuse.
- Eighteen youth residing at the Five County Juvenile Detention and Rehabilitation Center (St. Anthony) increased their knowledge of parenting



skills by 35% through the use of "hands-on computerized dolls" with the Real Life Baby Skills course.

- The Meridian Joint School District (Meridian) was able to reach 1,780 adults and 9,946 children with personal safety and violence prevention programs.
- Parents of children with disabilities reported a 43% drop in their stress levels after attending weekly support groups facilitated by Parents Reaching Out to Parents (Coeur d'Alene).
- The Panhandle Parent Education Project (Sandpoint) saw significant increases in knowledge of child development, positive discipline skills, communication skills with teens and ability to develop and use logical consequences with children in the 150 parents who participated in parent education classes.
- 100% of adult mentors and their mentees (children who had experienced domestic violence) both reported that mentoring was a positive experience for them through The Advocates (Hailey) "On Belay-Climb Higher with a Mentor" program.
- The confidence level of parents who attended "Sexual Abuse Prevention Puppet Shows" with their children increased significantly in their ability to teach refusal skills to their children. The puppet shows were the creation of Project Safe Kids in Pocatello, and were performed by Native American teens for Native American children on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation.
- 71 Spanish speaking families attended "Grupo de la Familia" through Help, Inc. Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center in Idaho Falls, and reported significant increases in their positive parenting skills, awareness of community resources, and knowledge of cultural boundaries and societal expectations of behavior.

### Partnerships

In 2003, two organizations were incredibly helpful in making the public aware of the opportunity to donate to the Children's Trust Fund when filing their Idaho Income Tax return. KNIN TV Channel 9 in Boise developed and produced radio and television public service announcements (psa's) encouraging citizens to support the Children's Trust Fund, while the Idaho State Broadcasters Association (ISBA) distributed the psa's to nearly every radio and TV station in Idaho, with commitments to run them during the first quarter of the year (tax filing time!). We saw our donations through the income tax return increase by 13% over 2002.

Old Chicago Pizza in the Boise Towne Square Mall once again chose the Idaho Children's Trust Fund to be the recipient of their annual fundraising golf

tournament. Held at the Boise Ranch golf course on July 19, golfers braved temperatures of over 100 degrees to raise almost \$5,000; twice as much as they raised last year.

The opportunity to sell tickets to the Albertson's Boise Open Golf Tournament resulted in an additional \$780 for the Children's Trust Fund.

Guy Rome and Associates in Boise donated their talent and skills in the layout and design of all of the Children's Trust Fund's publications during the 2002 – 2003 fiscal year. Special thanks to Tereasa Guy for her patience and the time she devoted to making sure our publications were professional and inviting to read.

## 2003 Conference "Strengthening Families to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect"

Professionals, advocates, students and parents gathered last April to listen to the words of our keynote speakers Dr. James Garbarino, Co-Director of the Family Life Development Center at Cornell University, and Karen Coleman of the National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome.

Dr. Garbarino is the author of over 15 books on children and families. In his keynote address, *Parents Under Siege: Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good Parents?* he spoke about his conversations with the parents of Dylan Klebold after the Columbine School shootings, and stated, "The parenting principle of

'you get back what you put in' isn't always a sure thing for today's parents who face more difficult challenges with their children than ever before."

Karen shared her experiences as the parent of a child with uncontrollable crying, and presented the Period of Purple Crying media campaign designed to educate caregivers about infant crying, a major cause of shaken baby syndrome. Other workshops included Critical Issues for Mothers with a Serious Mental Illness, Identifying Child Molesters, Working with Substance Abusing Parents, and Effective Fathering.



## 2003 – 2004 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Grants

The Idaho Children's Trust Fund awarded grants totaling \$144,624 to the following community-based programs for fiscal year 2003 – 2004. Grant funding comes from the voluntary state income tax donation program, individual and business contributions and a federal "Community Based Family Resource and Support" grant.

### 2003 – 2004 MINI GRANTS - \$96,500

#### NORTH - \$32,485

##### **Gritman Medical Center, Moscow - \$8,000**

FIRST STEPS: A child abuse prevention program that provides support, education, and community connections to families pre-natally and post-natally through the cost-effective use of specially trained community volunteers. (Serving Latah County)

##### **ICARE, Inc., Coeur d'Alene - \$6,033**

Learning and Teaching the Love and Logic Process: Community based and in-home sessions of the Love and Logic process to empower parents by providing the tools and roles to break the patterns that lead to child maltreatment. (Serving Kootenai County)

##### **Independent School District # 1, Lewiston - \$4,300**

Becoming a Love and Logic Parent: Helps parents learn techniques that set loving and positive boundaries while improving the parent-child relationship without anger, lectures, threats, or warnings. (Serving Lewiston/Nez Perce County)

##### **Panhandle Health District, Coeur d'Alene - \$8,000**

High Risk Infant-Toddler Program: Public Health Nurse home visits for high-risk infants and toddlers referred to the Health Department by neonatal intensive care units, primary care physicians, community members, or social service agencies. (Serving Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai and Shoshone Counties)

##### **Parents Encouraging Parents, Grangeville - \$4,152**

Internet and Local Parenting Classes: Local parenting classes throughout Region 2 and internet parenting classes available throughout the state; free and individual support in person or over the phone. (Serving the State of Idaho)

##### **Success by 6/Even Start Family Literacy Program, Moscow - \$2,000**

Preventing Child Abuse: A program designed to prevent child abuse, educate parents about child abuse and increase community awareness of child abuse. (Serving Latah County)

#### SOUTHWEST - \$31,833

##### **The Family Place, Payette - \$8,000**

Family FUN (Families Understanding Nurturing): The project will promote healthy families through Family FUN Nights and the Healthy Families manual. (Serving Payette County)

##### **Grace Episcopal Church, Nampa - \$5,000**

Open Arms Baby Boutique: Incentive and educational program intended to insure early and regular prenatal care and self-sufficiency for low income women. (Serving Canyon County)

##### **Lutheran Community Services Northwest, Boise - \$3,500**

Sand Tray Groups: Group technique resulting in increased self-esteem, improved interpersonal relationships, and increase in school performance. (Serving Ada and Boise Counties)

##### **Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., Boise - \$3,943**

Homeward Bound: Provides long-term supportive/transitional housing and social services to homeless and at-risk families with children to facilitate self-sufficiency and prevent child abuse. (Serving Ada County)

##### **Parents and Youth United, Mountain Home - \$1,350**

Living Skills: Living Skills classes for children and parents provided at the Mountain Home Youth Center. (Serving Elmore County)

##### **St. Michael's Episcopal Cathedral, Boise - \$5,000**

Baby Steps: Mother-Baby Incentive Program: A collaborative, community-based prenatal health incentive promotion program designed to promote participation in parent education, prenatal health care and healthy behaviors during pregnancy and the first 15 months of life. (Serving Ada County)

##### **SANE SOLUTIONS to Physical and Sexual Abuse (Terry Reilly Health Services), Boise - \$3,000**

Chaperone Training: An educational training curriculum for individuals who will supervise sexual offenders within the community to reduce the likelihood of child sexual abuse within the community. (Serving Ada, Canyon, Boise, Valley, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee and Payette Counties)

##### **Syringa House/Northwest Children's Home, Nampa - \$2,040**

Parent Education and Support Groups: A collaborative project empowering parents using the Love and Logic model for positive parenting. (Serving Nampa/Caldwell)

#### EAST- \$32,181

##### **5-County Juvenile Detention & Rehabilitation Center, Rexburg - \$2,603**

Real Life Baby Skills Course: "Hands On" course with computerized dolls to teach child abuse prevention and child care techniques. (Serving Fort Hall Tribal Reservation, and Madison, Fremont, Jefferson, Clark and Teton Counties.)

##### **Family Safety Network, Driggs - \$5,976**

Baby and Me: An educational group for at-risk mothers to encourage bonding and prevent problems in the home. (Serving Teton and Fremont Counties)

##### **Family Services Alliance of SE Idaho, Pocatello - \$7,976**

Family Support Program: Child Abuse Prevention: Provides in-home, family specific support for families that have experienced domestic violence, drug/alcohol abuse, etc. to prevent potential child abuse. (Serving Bannock and Power Counties)

**Lemhi's Promise for Youth and Families,  
Salmon - \$8,000**

Lemhi's After School Promise: Program for at-risk children in grades K-5 that focuses on asset building and includes a family interaction component guided by the Love and Logic curriculum. (Serving Lemhi County)

**Malad Elementary and Middle Schools,  
Malad - \$7,626**

Parenting Classes: Parenting classes designed for high-risk children and families will be offered weekly for one year. (Serving Oneida County)

**2003 – 2004 TARGET GRANTS - \$48,124**

**Caldwell School District, Caldwell - \$10,000**

Comadres en Accion/Good Friends in Action: Parents in the community of Caldwell will learn about, discuss and develop a support network on issues of caring parenting, child abuse and neglect by establishing a network with one meeting monthly on topics that relate. (Serving Caldwell)

**Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing,  
Boise - \$8,000**

Idaho Hands and Voices: A voluntary, parent driven statewide organization to provide non-biased support for families who have an infant with deafness or hearing loss. (Serving the State of Idaho)

**Family Safety Network, Driggs - \$3,368**

Baby and Me, Spanish Session: An educational group for at-risk mothers to encourage child bonding and prevent problems in the home. (Serving Teton County)

**Help Inc. Exchange Club CAP Center,  
Idaho Falls - \$9,979**

El Valor do los Padres (The Value of Parents): A program designed to teach parents to be their child's first, best teacher. (Serving Bingham County and Region 7)

**NW Band of the Shoshone Nation, Boise - \$10,000**

2003 Indian Child Welfare Conference: Conference concerning Indian Child Welfare. (Serving the State of Idaho)

**St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center/Center for  
Community Health, Hailey - \$3,290**

Familias Saludables/Healthy Families: Provide free health education and resources to Spanish speaking persons through parenting classes and an Annual Health Fair. (Serving the Wood River Valley)

**Success by 6, Pocatello – \$3,368**

Supporting Health and Safety for Hispanic Families: Develop, publish and distribute materials that will support Hispanic families to raise young children in healthy, safe and appropriate environments. (Serving Southeastern Idaho)



## ICTF Financial Report

The Department of Health and Welfare, under the direction of the Idaho Children's Trust Fund Board, is responsible for the management and accounting of funds in the Trust account. The following is a summary of the financial activities of the Trust Fund account in SFY 2003 (July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003). By state statute, up to half of the funds generated by income tax return donations, along with 75% of the amount generated by other sources, may be expended for grants. Half of the funds generated by the income tax donations, and 25% of other donations must be deposited into the Children's Trust Fund Endowment Account in order to generate interest earnings to be used for grants.

### Source of Funds

Cash on Hand, July 1, 2002	\$196,965
<i>Deposits</i>	
Cash and Special Donations	\$ 16,394
Tax Return Donations	\$ 84,228
Interest Earned	\$ 53,501
Total Deposits	\$154,123
Total Funds Available, SFY 2003	\$351,088

### Application of Funds

<i>Disbursements</i>	
Trust Fund Grants	\$ 104,242
Transfer to Endowment	\$ 130,154
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	\$234,396
Cash on Hand End of Year (June 30, 2003)	\$116,692
<i>Balance June 30, 2003</i>	
Endowment Account	\$937,474
Cash on hand	\$116,692
Total Amount in Children's Trust Fund (June 30, 2003)	\$1,054,166



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Unfortunately, we are not able to learn your names, but please rest assured that your contribution is greatly appreciated.







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